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UNION FOR CHRISTIAN WORK.

ADOPTED FEBRUARY 14, 1870.

PREAMBLE.

We, the undersigned, desirous of promoting our own higher spiritual good, of cultivating a more fraternal spirit amongst disciples of Jesus of every name and sect, and of engaging in extending more widely the influence of a pure Christian faith, do hereby form ourselves into an Association, and agree to adopt for our united government the following Constitution :—

ARTICLE I.

This Association shall be known as the UNION FOR CHRISTIAN WORK.

ARTICLE II.

Any person may become a member of this Union by subscribing to the Constitution and paying One Dollar annually, which shall become due on the third Tuesday of November of each year. On the payment of twenty-five dollars at any one time, any person may become a life member.

ARTICLE III.

Twenty-five members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of this Union.

ARTICLE IV.

Not less than five days' notice of all business meetings shall be given by the Secretary, in two Brooklyn daily papers.

ARTICLE V.

There shall be an annual meeting of the Union on the third Tuesday of November, at which shall be elected by ballot,

A President,
Two Vice-Presidents,
A Secretary, and
A Treasurer,

who shall hold their respective offices for one year, or until others are elected to fill their places. Also, nine Directors, who shall so classify themselves that one-third of their number shall retire from office at the end of each year, and thereafter their places shall be filled at each annual election.

ARTICLE VI.

The Officers and Directors named in Article V shall constitute a Board of Managers, who, in addition to the ordinary duties of their respective positions, shall provide and furnish suitable rooms, books, periodicals, games, etc., for the general purposes of the Union ; shall have the control and management of its affairs and property ; shall have the power of filling vacancies in the Board ; of making their own By-Laws, and of appointing such committees, subject to their direction, as they may deem expedient.

ARTICLE VII.

At every annual meeting of the Union, the Board of Managers shall give a full report of their general operations and proceedings, and, as far as they can, the results thereof for the preceding year ; also, a statement of the financial condition of the Union, including receipts and expenditures, and an estimate of outstanding liabilities ; also, an estimate of the probable financial and other requirements of the coming year.

ARTICLE VIII.

Special meetings of the Union may be called by the Board of Managers at their own option, or by the President, at the written request of thirteen members. The object of such meeting shall be stated in the notice.

ARTICLE IX.

Additions or amendments to these Articles, of which previous notice in writing shall have been given, may be made by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any regular or special meeting.

BY-LAWS.

1. The officers annually elected by the Union shall be the officers of the Board.

2. In addition to the usual duties of their respective offices, it shall be the duty of the President to make the annual report of the general operations and results thereof of the Board to the Union, and also such suggestions and recommendations for the then coming year as may seem to him to be best adapted to the success of the objects of the Union. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to give the annual financial statements and estimates of the Board to the Union, as required by the Constitution.

3. Regular meetings of the Board shall be held on the second Tuesday evening of each Month, seven members constituting a quorum. Special meetings shall be called by the President, or either Vice-President, at the written request of three members. The place of any member who shall fail to attend three regular meetings successively may be declared vacant.

4. Vacancies in the Board of Managers, or in any of the offices herein named, may be filled at any regular meeting fixed by the Board succeeding that at which such vacancy shall have been announced. And the Secretary shall give written notice to each member of the Board of the time at which such vacancy shall be filled.

5 At all meetings the order of business shall be—

First. Reading of the Minutes.

Second. Communications to the Board.

Third. Treasurer's Report.

Fourth. Reports of Standing Committees.

Fifth. Reports of Special Committees.

Sixth. Special Business.

Seventh. Unfinished Business.

6. The Treasurer shall make a monthly report of receipts and expenditures.

7. The Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Board.

8. At the regular meeting in December of each year there shall be appointed the following standing committees :—

A Finance Committee, of which the Treasurer shall be a member.

An Executive Committee.

A Library and Amusement Committee.

A Committee on Benevolence.

A Committee on Lectures and Addresses to be delivered before the Union or under its auspices.

A Committee of Employment, whose general duty shall be to procure suitable situations for any boys or other persons attending the rooms who shall be in need of employment.

Each of which committees shall consist of five.

9. The Financial Committee shall have the management and supervision of the pecuniary affairs of the Union, and shall generally devise ways and means for sustaining its operations. They shall have power at all times to examine the books, accounts, and vouchers of the Treasurer, and if found correct shall approve and certify his annual statement.

10. The Executive Committee shall have charge of providing proper rooms for the use of the Union, the general supervision thereof and the property therein, and shall keep the same insured. They shall appoint proper persons as Janitor and Librarian, and shall fix their salaries, subject to the approval of the Board.

11. The Library Committee shall endeavor, by voluntary contribution or otherwise, to increase the books and other reading matter for the Reading-room, shall have supervision thereof and fix rules for the proper regulation of the Reading and Amusement Rooms, and introduce and supervise, from time to time, such additional recreations and exercises as they may think proper.

12. The Committee on Benevolence shall endeavor "to enlist in active and charitable work all those who are willing and ready to do good," and generally to suggest and carry out such benevolent operations as the purposes of the Union seem to require.

13. The various committees shall report from time to time the requirements of their several departments, but no liabilities shall be incurred, unless previously authorized by the Board. The President shall be *ex-officio* a member of all standing committees.

14. The Treasurer shall be required to give the President ample and satisfactory security for the funds in his hands, unless he make a special deposit of them as Treasurer of the Union for Christian Work.

15. These By-Laws may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any regular meeting of the Board succeeding that at which notice of such amendment or alteration shall have been given in writing.



